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**May 15, 2017**

**Calendar**

**May 15, 2017 Feast of St. Isadore patron of farmers –see attached prayer**

**May 15, 2017 International Day of Families UN**

**May 20, 2017 Artisans of Peace – see attachment**

**Mau 20, 2017 Feast of Franz Jagersatter- Martyr for being a conscientious objector in Australia – beatified in 2007**

**May 21, 2017 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

**Taking Action**

Today is the feast of St. Isadore who was a farmer and now patron of farmers. Isadore, as all farmers, cooperate with the gift of the Creator in bring life out of fertile soil, then nurturing it to growth and bringing it to harvest. Take time today to carefully look at the food on your plate and reflect on all the different kinds of farming, farm workers and ranchers who made this food available. Also, consider the many persons who made it possible for it to arrive on your plate (processors, butchers, trucker drivers, grocery workers etc.) Give thanks to the Creator and pray for all who involved in your meal including the cook!

The American Heath Care Act of 2017 is now in a Senate Committee. Please contact your Senators to let them know of your concern with the bill in its present form. For more information about the bill read a nonpartisan presentation of what is in it by clicking on [American Health Care Act of 2017 - Ballotpedia](https://ballotpedia.org/American_Health_Care_Act_of_2017).

See the Resource section of this Update for the phone numbers of your Senators.

**Information/Reflection**

**Women**

***We are the female human beings***

***being woven into the fabric of the***

***new century***

***(Jeanne Cools, csj)***

**What does being a Just Person Mean?**

Does today’s society and laws meet these definitions of justice ? Are we a just society? Something to ponder. Some definitions:

just behavior or treatment.

"a concern for justice, peace, and genuine respect for people"

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.A definition of Social Justice from the Business Dictionary: The fair and proper administration of laws conforming to the natural law that all persons, irrespective of ethnic origin, gender, possessions, race, religion, etc., are to be treated equally and without prejudice.

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